

## Danner, Ward

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**From:** Hood, Timonie  
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## MEDIA

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**Bakersfield CBS:** Reporter Anthony Bailey was looking for EPA position on the recent announcement by Governor Brown to suspend the CEQA during the drought and the ability to move water around. The reporter wants to know how EPA feels about the direction this is headed. WATER. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

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**KNTV (San Jose, Calif.):** Spoke with David Paredes, producer, on request for interview request. Will follow-up tomorrow after senior management meeting. OPEN. SUPERFUND. (V) David Yogi.

**Center for Investigative Reporting (Berkeley, Calif.):** Spoke with Susanne Rust, reporter, regarding inquiry on MEW study area. Developing response with program. OPEN. SUPERFUND. (V) David Yogi.

**NBC Reno** – reporter Ashley Cullins is doing a story on Fukushima radiation and trying to dispel myths that radiation from Fukushima is a danger to west coast – OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

## WEB

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**Social Media:**

**Radon Action Month** – Posted to Facebook and Twitter encouraging people to test their homes for [Radon](#).

**Web Updates:**

**Air Permits** – Posted updated information on the Sierra Pacific Industries – Anderson Division Draft Permit on [Air Permits page](#) and the [EPA-Issued Air Permits page](#).

**Online Updates:**

**Events** – Updated the [Region 9 Calendar of Events page](#).

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**Rep. Gloria Negrete McCleod (D-CA-35):** Brent Maier and John Kemmerer had a follow up call today with Diego Preciado in the Congresswoman’s DC office regarding their interest in extending an invitation to have an EPA representative participate in an upcoming stakeholder roundtable on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> along with other Federal, State, and local entities on the subjects of drought, water supply, and infrastructure. They will be inviting among others the Bureau of Reclamation, State Water Resources Control Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Water District representatives. A formal invitation with more details on this stakeholder roundtable is forthcoming, but Mr. Preciado indicated that someone at John Kemmerer’s level would be an appropriate EPA representative.

**Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52):** Brent Maier worked with Janet Hashimoto of our Water Division’s Standards and TMDL Office on an inquiry that came in from Lumay Wang in the Congressman’s DC Office regarding the status of work on a Biotic Ligand Model in EPA HQ. Janet followed up on Lumay’s inquiry on a Biotic Ligand Model for marine waters with her EPA HQ contacts. Janet discussed with her HQ colleagues the inquiry we received on the saltwater copper BLM (biotic ligand model). Janet learned that they are only just starting the work this year, so will be a while before it’s publicly available. As for freshwater, HQ will have the revised guidance go through peer review soon. They hope that it’ll be done by the summer and posted on EPA’s website. HQ now has the saltwater BLM work on the FY14 workplan. Since it is a new start, this may take some time to work out. If all goes well, HQ would like to have a draft for peer review later this year and release it in 2015.

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